

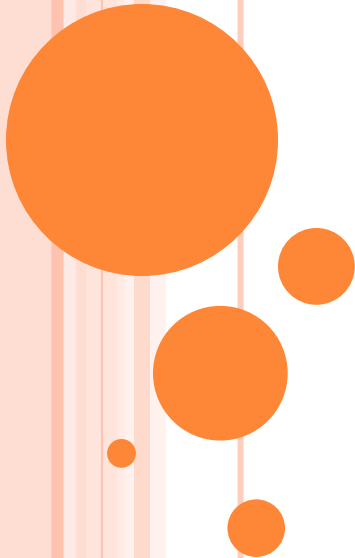


2011 Outstanding Airmen of the Year



A review board selected the Virginia Air National Guard 2011 Outstanding Airmen of the Year in the following categories: Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, Senior Noncommissioned Officer, and First Sergeant of the Year.

From the winners in each category, the review board then selected an overall Outstanding Guardsman of the Year.





Master Sgt. Garrett

Master Sgt. Todd G. Garrett was chosen as the 2011 Virginia Air National Guard First Sergeant of the Year. He was also selected as the Outstanding Guardsmen of the Year.

“Master Sgt. Garrett is a caring and dedicated member of the team and is always the consummate professional who puts airmen’s welfare first,” said Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery W. Frazier, the state command chief. “His exemplary leadership and display of the Air Force Core Values encourages other unit members to strive to meet the same level of excellence.”

Garrett, who is assigned to 192d Mission Support Group, increased morale by re-energizing the squadron’s orientation, awards and decoration programs, and change of command and promotion ceremonies. He also orchestrated a “tiger-team approach” with the Airman Evaluation Program for 73 enlisted Airmen resulting in 100% compliance.



Senior Airman Kerr

Senior Airman Esther L. Kerr was selected as the 2011 Airman of the Year.

Kerr, an operations intelligence analyst with the 192d Fighter Wing, Intelligence Squadron, spent more than 1,900 mission hours as a multi-source analyst for operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom.

"Kerr is an exemplary performer, leader and community member," Frazier said. "She is a shining example of the dedicated professionals we have serving in the Virginia Air National Guard."



Tech. Sgt. Price

Tech. Sgt. Kristy M. Price, a budget analyst with the 192d Fighter Wing, Comptroller Flight was selected the 2011 NCO of the Year.

Price created and employed a Government Purchase Card numbering system that reduced filing and research time by 50 percent, was the lead analyst for more than 20 diverse budget accounts tracking over \$30 million accurately over five fiscal years with no dollars wasted, and identified major billing discrepancies with mess attendant contract in Fiscal Year 2011 resulting in an Fiscal Year 2012 savings of more than \$49,000.

Tech. Sgt. Kristy M. Price was selected the 2011 NCO of the Year.

“Tech. Sgt. Price sets the example for others to follow every day in the Guard and in her community,” Frazier said. “The National Guard is stronger because of her dedication, patriotism and service.”



Senior Master Sgt. Mabry

Senior Master Sgt. Gerry L. Mabry, an accessory flight chief with 192d Fighter Wing, Maintenance Group, was recognized as the Virginia Air National Guard 2011 Senior NCO of the Year.

Mabry manages the Government Purchase Card Program within the Maintenance Squadron and zero discrepancies were noted by the 192d FW Contracting office. He was recognized by his peers when he was chosen to receive the Senior NCO "General Lew Allen Jr. Aircraft Maintenance Award" for 2011.

Senior Master Sgt. Gary L. Mabry was recognized as the 2011 Senior NCO of the Year. "Senior Master Sgt. Mabry is a strong leader who continuously and selflessly provides the necessary mentorship and leadership that fellow Airmen require to be successful," Frazier said.

The winners' Outstanding Airman of the Year packages will be forwarded to National Guard Bureau to compete nationally, in their respective category, for the National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year.

"Virginia Air National Guard is fortunate to have such talented and professional Airmen and each of these individuals should be proud of the contributions that they have made to our federal and state missions," Frazier said.